

RED CROSS REORGANIZATION ABOLISHES POTOMAC DIVISION

District of Columbia Chapter is Left Un-attached—Consolidation Plan Aims to Effect Economy in Administration.

As exclusively forecast in The Star several weeks ago, national headquarters of the American Red Cross has announced the peace-time reorganization plan, whereby the thirteen divisions will be reduced to eight, and the borders of the country are reduced to eight.

"By the elimination of five divisional headquarters and consolidation of administrative functions, the reorganization, in part, 'greater economy in administration of the peace program' will be achieved," says a Red Cross spokesman, but the angle of the matter which particularly interests Washington is the fact that the Potomac division, one of whose constituents has been the District chapter, will be merged with the areas done away with, leaving high and dry the local chapter, already in the process of being liquidated, and occupying a most strategic position in that it is in the National headquarters location of national headquarters.

Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, with headquarters at Cleveland, will be merged with the Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas divisions, with headquarters at Atlanta.

Central division—Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, with headquarters at Chicago.

Southwestern division—Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, with headquarters at St. Louis.

Pacific division—California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, with headquarters at San Francisco.

Northwestern division—Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Idaho, with headquarters at Seattle.

It is definitely understood that the new Potomac division will be added to the present Pacific division when the other consolidations have been effected. The new division will have been gained in the conduct of Red Cross work during the war, and is so large a territory, a single office with

Of the territories formerly composing the Potomac division, Virginia is attached to the southern division, West Virginia to the lake division and Maryland to the Atlantic division. There seems nothing left to do with the District of Columbia except at-

attach it to some one of these three divisions, with faraway headquarters, or to the fourteenth division, which embraces all the chapters outside of the United States; or else attach it in some way to the national headquarters, which has not the necessary machinery to assimilate it.

Place Proposed for District Chapter.
Commissioner Mabel T. Boardman believes that in the proposed reorganization of the American Red Cross on a peace basis the District chapter should be attached to the fourth

teenth division, which has headquarters in Washington, and takes in the chapters in foreign possessions of the United States.

Miss Boardman, who is an officer in the District chapter, said today she feels it would be more feasible to attach the local branches of the

to this foreign division, with headquarters in this city, than to place it under one of the nearby divisions, with headquarters in New York or Atlanta.

The Eight Divisions.

Headquarters of the eight divisions

retained will remain as located at present, the consolidation consisting of the absorption by these divisions of contiguous states that have formed the five divisions that immediately are to go out of existence as separate entities. Under the new alignment the divisions will be as

Atlantic division—New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware, with headquarters at Boston.

quarters at New York city.
Lake division—Michigan, Indiana.

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